

Big Bend National Park Interpretive Activities

October 08 – October 14, 2006

Visitor Center Hours

Panther Junction Visitor Center	- 8am - 6pm.	Daily.	
Chisos Basin Visitor Center	- 9am – 4:30pm.	Daily.	Closed for lunch.
Persimmon Gap Visitor Center	- 9:30am – 5:00pm.	Daily.	Closed for lunch
Rio Grande Village Visitor Center	- Closed for season		
Castolon Visitor Center	- Closed for season.		

Sunday, October 08

Sorry, no programs today. Why not try an early morning walk on the Rio Grande Village Nature Trail? This easy walk offers opportunities for viewing wildlife and a self-guiding brochure will help you identify plants typical of the Chihuahuan desert and the Rio Grande floodplain. Ask a park ranger for more details.

Monday, October 09 – Columbus Day

7:00 PM Evening Program -- “Why National Parks?” One of our greatest ideas, the National Park Service protects not only our natural wonders, but also the stories that define us as a people. Join Ranger M. Manning for a fun evening that will test your knowledge of the many different sites that make up this treasure. Wheelchair accessible. Bring a flashlight. 1 hour. **Chisos Basin Amphitheater.**

Tuesday, October 10

7:30 PM Evening Program -- "Legends & Lore of Big Bend" Join Ranger A. Yost to learn some of the many folk tales that reflect the colorful history of the Big Bend region. Wheelchair accessible. Bring a flashlight. 1 hour. **Chisos Basin Amphitheater.**

Wednesday, October 11

9:00 AM Guided Walk -- "Home Sweet Home" Ever wonder where all the wildlife hangs out? Join Ranger R. Dean on this guided walk for a peek into the desert homes of some of the Big Bend's most interesting critters. Meet at the Chisos Basin Amphitheater parking lot. Wear walking shoes, bring water, and a hat. 1 mile. 1½ hours.

Thursday, October 12

8:30 AM Birding Walk -- “The Best Bird?” It's the one in your binoculars! Join Ranger M. Flippo for some tips on identifying some of the resident and migrant species found in the Big Bend. Recommended for beginners. Bring binoculars and field guides. Meet at the Rio Grande Village amphitheater parking lot. 2 hours.

Friday, October 13

9:00 PM Guided Walk -- "Piece of the Puzzle" Big Bend National Park has a complex and sometimes puzzling geologic history. Join Ranger D Leavitt for an introduction to just one piece of the puzzle, the geology of the Chisos Basin. Meet at the Chisos Basin Trailhead. Bring water, a hat, and good walking shoes. ½ mile. 1 hour.

8:30 PM Evening Program – “Dinosaurs! Exciting, Entertaining and...Extinct?” Join Ranger R. Dean to learn about these enigmatic giants, the dinosaurs of Big Bend. Wheelchair accessible. Bring a flashlight. 1 hour. **Chisos Basin Amphitheater.**

Saturday, October 14

10:00 AM Morning Program – “La Harmonia Company” La Harmonia operated in the Castolon area from 1919 into the 1950s with a variety of business ventures. Volunteer B. Wirt recently completed an examination of the 1922-24 company records and will share insights into company operations and the local inhabitants who were involved. Meet in front of the Castolon Visitor Center. Wheelchair accessible. 1 hour.

8:30 PM Evening Program -- "Time To Reflect" Join Ranger D. Leavitt for a look back on the Big Bend prior to park establishment and a history of the changes that have occurred over the past 100 years. Wheelchair accessible. Bring a flashlight. 1 hour. **Chisos Basin Amphitheater.**